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THE "ROSENSTRASSE PROTEST" AND THE "US-ISM" OF THE ARYAN SPOUSES

Atlantic Monthly (September 92) has printed an article by Harvard graduate student Nathan Stoltzfus on "Dissent in Nazi Germany." The article focuses on the "Rosenstrasse Protest." Rosenstrasse 2-4 was an administrative center of the Jewish community in central Berlin.

On 27 February 1943 the German Government decided that their pristine concept for the mass-murder of the European Jews was being muddied by the fact that 10,000 Jews were still living and working in Berlin factories, helping their fatherland win its war against the Evil Empire. These were Jews who, sensibly, had married Aryans, unlike those tasteless Jews who had self-indulgently married among themselves.

If you have read in a hundred or so scholarly volumes about how the Germans were so obsessed with genociding all the Jews in the world that they would sacrifice their own soldiers and their monumental war against immense odds, it may seem odd to learn that in 1943 10,000 of these despised Semites were still laboring for the German war effort and laying their German women right under the Fuehrer's nose. It's difficult to believe that maniac would have allowed his own neighborhood to go to hell like that. Live and learn.

Stoltzfus writes that of the 10,000 Berlin Jews arrested by the SS in the final roundup and concentrated in the Rosenstrasse, 8,000 were murdered at Auschwitz but that 2,000 were to "experience a different fate." He doesn't tell us how the 8,000 were offed at Auschwitz. One wishes he would. Does he want us to believe they were "gassed"? Some of us would like to see how Stoltzfus would demonstrate that.

With regard to the 2,000 who experienced a different fate (most were men, Stoltzfus tells us), they were saved by their women. "The Aryan spouses ... hurried alone or in pairs to the Rosenstrasse, where they discovered a growing crowd. A protest broke out when the hundreds of women at the gate began calling out: 'Give us our husbands back!' Day and night for a week they staged their protest, and the crowd grew larger." Stoltzfus describes the moving display of courage and loyalty on the part of the Aryan spouses for their Jewish spouses. He notes: "A few bursts from a machine gun could have emptied the square. But instead the Jews were released."

Good God! Is that all it took? A couple hundred broads kvetching about getting their husbands back? Is this the fearsome SS we're talking about? Is this the demonic we'll-gladly-jump-into-our-own-graves-so-long-as-we-genocide-all-the-Jews-first Hitlerians? Incredible! What's the answer to this odd lack of backbone in the loathsome Nazis? Stoltzfus tells us that Goebbels was fearful that if the State did not cave in to the demands of the Aryan spouses "... the secrecy surrounding the Final Solution ..." would have been threatened.

On the surface of it, and I'm a very surfacey guy, this reasoning appears unusually torpid, even for a fellow trained at Harvard. We're told by scores and maybe hundreds of holocaust historians that thousands and maybe hundreds of thousands of Germans had personal knowledge that the genociding of the Jews was barreling full steam ahead...(see Raul Hilberg in the eight-hour documentary, *Shoah*, explaining it all to you, the lower half of his face taking on the cold intensity of a python obsessing over the image of a piglet) ....Millions and maybe tens of millions of Jews had already been taken from their homes to ghettos and camps and genocided with gas and steam and electricity and, most diabolically of all, by making them climb trees and then chopping the trees down so that the hapless Jews fell to their deaths. Nevertheless, Goebbels had been confident that none of it would ever get out. Until the Rosenstrasse Protest, that is. The unexpected protest of the Aryan spouses appears to have unnerved the little shouter.

So, thanks to the their Aryan spouses, a couple thousand Berlin Jews "survived the war, officially registered with the police, working in officially authorized jobs, and officially receiving food rations." Which other high mucky-mucks were in on this disgraceful affair? On 18 March Heinrich Himmler himself recorded in his telephone diary: "No deportation of privileged Jews [those related to Aryans]." Here we begin to see corruption in the highest ranks.

"About the same day twenty-five Jews from intermarriages who on March 6 had been sent from the Rosenstrasse camp to Auschwitz work camps were *released...(!)*....The Berlin Gestapo, not wanting to risk information leaks about Auschwitz, forced these twenty-five to sign statements that swore them to secrecy concerning their Auschwitz experiences...they were then put under 'protective custody' and sent to the Grossbeeren 'work-education camp,' near Berlin."

Well, so long as those Jews were sworn to secrecy about the on-going mass murder of the Jewish people, no

WHAT I BELIEVE WHAT I DON'T

I understand perfectly well that the Hitlerian regime was antisemitic and that it persecuted Jews and others.

I understand that many peoples experienced unfathomable catastrophes in Europe during World War II. The catastrophe of the Jews was one among them.

Nevertheless, I no longer believe that there was a plan to "exterminate" the Jews of Europe. I used to believe it but now I don't.

I no longer believe that Germans built or used homicidal "gas chambers" in which millions of Jews and others were exterminated. The gas chambers either existed or they didn't. If they did, someone should be able to prove it.

If there were no homicidal gas chambers, then the orthodox holocaust story is a hoax and we should say so. It would be craven not to.

It's my view that much of the "eyewitness" testimony about German atrocities against Jews is invented. Those who bear false witness against Germans and others should be exposed.

I believe that the attempt to identify every expression of doubt about the gas chamber stories with hatred for Jews is infantile. I invite the spokes persons for organizations like the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Hillel and the Anti-Defamation League to stop behaving like children and join with me and other revisionists in a grown-up exchange of ideas about the holocaust story.

In short, then, I do not believe it is "hateful" to doubt what others believe or to express my doubt in public. That's what grown-ups do. Those who protest that it is wrong for me to say what I really think and reveal how I really feel represent a world view that did not originate in a society of free men and women.

I'm willing to be convinced that I am wrong about any or all of this. I do not believe, however, that I will be convinced of anything whatever by slander, threats, censorship or any of the other infantile behavior favored by the Holocaust Lobby in response to my call for open debate.

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problem. Their word was their bond, eh? Sometimes a little "re-education" relaxes the conscience considerably.

On 21 May "Himmler's deputy Ernst Kaltenbrunner issued a memorandum ordering the immediate release from concentration camps of all intermarried Jews....'I order expressly that Jewish intermarriage partners ... are to be successively released." From the camps, that is. From Auschwitz? Treblinka? Chelmno? Belzec? Did these Jews too swear themselves to secrecy for the SS?

Stoltzfus has a point to make with all this. It's to demonstrate that while it appears that the Aryan spouses who took part in the Rosenstrasse Protest were courageous and even admirable women, in fact their heroic actions were severely compromised by what they did next. The Aryan spouses "displayed primarily what the late Primo Levi, a survivor of Auschwitz, called 'selfishness extended to the person closest to you...'us-ism.'" So while these German women behaved well one time, it was for selfish purposes. Once they got what they wanted, their husbands, they "withdrew to safety, one by one, the moment their loved ones were released. Their protests bring home to us the iron limits, the tragically narrow borders, of us-ism."

So those German women who saved a couple thousand Jews under the barrels of SS machine guns are morally compromised by "withdrawing" to safety once they had accomplished their immediate task. At schools like Harvard, Germans are held to the most rigorous moral standards. Much less is demanded of Jews. For example, the 2,000 Jews who swore oaths to the SS not to reveal what they knew of the "death camps" in order to be able to withdrew to the safety of Nazi re-education camps. Does Nathan Stoltzfus see the irony of this? The double standards? Does he understand somehow, instinctively, that at places like Harvard and in publications like *Atlantic Monthly* there's a gentlemen's agreement that Germans will always be held to higher moral standards than Jews and the rest of us because that's the primary moral weapon that the progressive forces use in their attempt to maintain a moral hegemony in Western culture?

At Harvard University *The Crimson* refuses to publish an ad calling for open debate on the Holocaust, refuses to publish an opinion piece arguing the reasons for publishing revisionist theory, refuses to publish an ad demonstrating that the Jewish Soap story is an unclean hoax and refuses to publish an announcement of a little book of mine containing four new chapters from Part II of *Confessions of a Holocaust Revisionist*. How are we to distinguish Harvard, then, in any serious way from those Nazi re-education camps that the Berlin Jews were so fond of? Is Harvard to be merely a place where professors and students alike can gather to ride out the storm of the cultural wars by withdrawing to the safety of suppression and censorship? What distinguishes Harvard primarily from a SS "re-education" camp, then, is that at Harvard no one is holding a gun to anyone's head. At Harvard, you *volunteer* to live by the principles of the "re-education" camp.

HARVARD HEROISM

John Demjanjuk, railroaded to Israel on bogus charges of murdering upwards of a million Jews in gas chambers at Treblinka, though now seen almost universally as innocent of that ludicrous charge, may still be strung up by our allies who run the only democracy in the Middle East. How has such a scenario come to pass in a state founded by such caring people? The usual way. Jewish "survivors" gave false eyewitness evidence to the court.

In all likelihood their inventions will soon be set in concrete at Yad Vashem, along with the thousands of other false eyewitness testimonies about German atrocities against Jews on file there and remarked on by Yad Vashem's archives director Shmuel Krakowski.

Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz must be panting to be there on the big day. He lusts for Demjanjuk's hanging so deeply that he has written that even if Demjanjuk is innocent of the crimes he has been convicted of at Treblinka, it would be proper to hang him anyhow because there is good reason to believe he did something naughty at Sobibor. In Dershowitz's imagination, it wouldn't be necessary to try him for *those* crimes. In my minds eye I can see our Harvard lawyer now, struggling to control his bowels as the noose is fitted around Jon Demjanjuk's neck, shaking his curly head up and down and grunting "Yes! Yes!"

A correspondent sends me a clipping from the *Chicago Tribune* about an Israeli prosecutor traveling to Moscow in search of at least one real document placing Demjanjuk at Treblinka. My correspondent writes: "The Russians need money so badly, the KGB is ready to provide the Israelis with documents proving John Demjanjuk is actually Eva Braun. Indeed, an enterprising ex-agent recently posted a hand-lettered sign in front of KGB headquarters in Moscow announcing:"

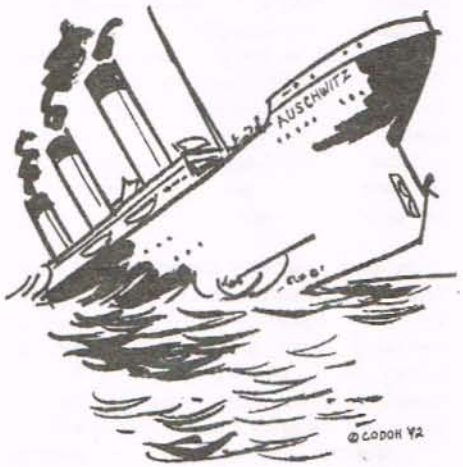
Clearance Sale!
Declassified State Secrets!
Three Forgers--No Waiting!

Another sign, our progressive friends point out, of how freedom and capitalism corrupt men's souls with greed for wealth. In the old days, when the commies were running things over there, the KGB cooked their holocaust documents free of charge.

ZIONISM AND THE IVY LEAGUE

Midstream is an occasionally interesting Zionist publication that I've read off and on for twenty-five years. In April '92 it published an article on CODOH and the Campus Project titled "Revisionism, Free Speech, and the Campus" by Carlos C. Huerta, a writer living in Jerusalem.

Huerta writes that "perhaps the most revealing thing to come out of this campus blitz is the reaction of faculty and students to the ad. What is becoming increasingly clear is that



Holocaust revisionism is becoming stronger and that our students ... are not only unable to deal analytically with revisionism, but as Bradley Smith correctly recognizes, are a good breeding ground to develop and push forward revisionist positions.

"It is not only our students that should cause us concern. Cornell's President Frank H.T. Rhodes' first reaction to the [CODOH] advertisement was in a letter to the Cornell *Daily Sun* where he said the 'free and open debate on a wide range of ideas, however outrageous or offensive some of them may be, lies at the heart of a university community.'" Hooray!

After the Cornell rabbis got on his case, however, President Rhodes signed a second piece for the *Daily Sun* stating "There is no need to debate the existence of the Holocaust, and we condemn those who would attempt to demean its victims." It appears that when President Rhodes finds himself up against the rabbis, of whatever profession, he hasn't got any more backbone than the SS did when it was being faced down by those Ayran spouses.

Huerta writes that traditionally Jews have dealt with revisionism and revisionists by not engaging in open debate and by exposing their "real or imagined" neo-nazi connections. Many Jews, however, have "a sense of American fair play" and can't understand "what they perceive as personal, slanderous attacks against revisionists. They ask the obviously simple question that if revisionism is so wrong and absurd, why not simply expose it as such and end the issue....

"Bradley Smith is doing the community a service. He is beginning to make many Americans, both Jewish and non-Jewish, realize that the traditional method of dealing with Holocaust revisionism by ignoring it will no longer suffice."

That's what I've been telling the rabbis and their minions for years. Let's relax, talk things over. But I think the rabbis have some crazy idea that they can make up for those Berlin Jews and the other hundreds of thousands of survivor Jews who swore oaths to the SS, or to themselves, not to make a fuss over the genociding of millions of Jews while it was going on. Now that half a century has passed, it looks like the rabbis believe it's time to stand up and be counted.

An Auschwitz tour guide told a group of youths from the Kansas City area that "70 percent of Poles today do not believe that the Holocaust occured." (Kansas City *Star*, 5 August '92.)

JUDGES QUASH ZUNDEL GUILTY VERDICT

(Following are excerpts from stories reported in the *Toronto Star*, the *Globe and Mail*, and the *Toronto Sun* when this story first broke.)

Toronto Star (27 August): Toronto publisher Ernst Zundel's conviction for spreading false news about the deaths of 6 million Jews in the Holocaust was struck down today by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The court in a 4-3 decision declared the law unconstitutional because it violates the guarantee of freedom of expression contained in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Canadians should be "no longer afraid to tell the truth," Zundel told The Star's Michael Tenszen.

...Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin, writing for the majority, said the minority must be allowed to present its view--no matter how unpopular it is.

"To permit the imprisonment of people, or even threat of imprisonment, on the ground that they have made a statement which 12 of their co-citizens deem to be false and mischievous to some undefined public interest, is to stifle a whole range of speech, some of which has long been regarded as legitimate and even beneficial," she wrote.

Zundel was originally convicted in 1985 of publishing a pamphlet which said the Holocaust was a hoax. It asked the question "Did Six Million Really Die?" and answered by saying the mass murder of 6 million Jews never happened.

The German-born Toronto publisher was convicted a second time in May, 1988, after a four-month trial and sentenced to nine months in jail. He was freed on $10,000 bail after serving 11 days.

Zundel argued the seldom-used but highly controversial section of the Criminal Code was an "instrument of thought control" that violated his constitutional guarantee of freedom of expression.

The law was modelled on one in 13th century England that was enacted to protect nobles from slanderous statements. It has been used in Canada four times in 100 years.

The Ontario and federal governments, backed by two Jewish groups, said the law was needed "to preserve social and racial harmony."

"It was not possible to have a happy outcome to this case," said Alan Borovoy, the Civil Liberties Association's general counsel.

"The decision in this case is a correct one because the false news section of the Criminal Code was defective and capable of nailing wide varieties of speech that don't bear the faintest resemblance to the malevolent obscenities espoused by Ernst Zundel."

David Satok of the Canadian Jewish Congress said the decision in no way changes the finding of two separate juries that Zundel was guilty of propagating falsehoods about the Holocaust.

"The seven years of battling Zundel in the courts was fully worth it," said Greta Freiberg, also of the Congress. "As a result, Zundel has become a synonym for despicable, malicious falsehood and group libel."

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The Globe And Mail (editorial), 28 August: Section 181 of the Criminal Code, under which Ernst Zundel was twice tried for claiming in print that the Holocaust never happened, reads as follows: "Every one who wilfully publishes a statement, tale or news that he knows is false and that causes or is likely to cause injury or mischief to a public interest is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years." Yesterday the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Section 181 by a vote of four to three. The court had ample reason for doing so; the mystery is why the vote was so close.

In one short sentence, Section 181 manages to break several fundamental precepts of criminal law, and affront the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Under Section 181, no one need be demonstrably harmed by the "false" speech, nor must it be shown that anyone has suffered a measurable injury. The three dissenting judges tried to justify the false news law as a sort of group libel law, but for damages to be awarded in a normal libel case, actual damage must be shows.

This should mark the end of the Zundel affair. Aside from the philosophical and legal reasons for not trying the likes of Ernst Zundel, there is also one very practical reason for leaving the man and his twisted vision alone. Mr. Zundel himself articulated it. After his first trial in 1985, he proudly gushed, "it cost me $40,000 in lost work but I got a million dollars worth of publicity for my cause. It was well worth it."

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Mr. Zundel said in an interview that if the Jewish community is upset [by the court's decision], "they have only themselves to blame. They tried to do something evil and it carried within itself the seeds of its own destruction. So here they are with egg all over their face."

Toronto Star, 28 August: Jewish groups are calling on Ontario's attorney-general to lay fresh criminal charges against Ernst Zundel.

"Without so much as even waiting to take a breath, Zundel resumed his Holocaust denial activities today in a nationally televised news conference," said [Canadian Jewish Congress] chair-person Gerda Frieberg.

"It is our opinion that Mr. Zundel is breaking the law."

Zundel...said at the news conference that the accepted number of 6 million Jews dying in the Holocaust is widely inflated by Jews to make all Germans look bad.

The Congress, which represents Canada's Jews, was to present evidence to Metro Police today asking that Zundel be investigated under anti-hate law was not affected by the Supreme Court Decision, said congress official Bernie Farber.

B'nai B'rith also urged [prosecution of] Zundel under anti-hate laws....

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Toronto Sun, 28 August: "Ernst Zundel is back," the Toronto publisher told reporters.... "I've exposed this racket [the holocaust story] for what it is," Zundel said in response to the high court decision.

Jewish groups immediately protested his remarks, demanding the province prosecute Zundel under laws which ban the wilful spreading of hatred against an identifiable group.

Ontario must "show its commitment to eradicating bigotry by charging Zundel for inciting hatred against Jews, said Marvin Kutz, of B'nai B'rith.

In the basement of a Toronto house, where he celebrated his victory with about 34 supporters, Zundel said Canada, the media, and the legal system had failed him, forcing him to fight for nine years to protect the right to express unpopular views.

"I am disgusted by the hypocritical lip service paid to free speech and civil rights in Canada"

Zundel said.

"I, who have been vilified as a Nazi...have been a better friend to democracy than you in the press."

(I telephoned Ernst to congratulate him on his great victory for intellectual freedom in the West. It was one in the afternoon in Toronto and he said he had already given six interviews to Canadian media.

I first met Ernst Zuendel one spring afternoon in 1985 at his old, narrow, three-story house in Toronto. I'd gone there to do a story on his first free press trial where he was charged with having distributed a booklet titled Did Six Million Really Die?, *which argued that six million didn't. I went up the walk along side the house, rang the buzzer and the barred door was opened by a young man. I stepped inside. There I recognized Ernst from photographs I had seen. A little under middle-height, a little overweight with a ruddy, healthy complexion. He was standing at a desk reviewing a document which he was holding in both hands. He had to turn his head a little to see me from the corner of his eye and there was a moment's pause--and I became aware that he was sizing me up. It was only a moment, but time enough for me to realize that I never take time to size anyone up but just blunder on in and take the consequences. And then Ernst grinned and put his hand out to me and with a substantial German accent said: "Welcome to hate house." What a wonderful welcome, I thought, and from that moment to this, though we don't see eye to eye on everything, Zuendel has been my kind of guy.*

The following comments are based on notes I took by telephone on 28 and 29 August.)

Today I'm a totally free man. Free at last. I've been persecuted for nine years by Jews and Jewish organizations and by the government on behalf of Jews, and now we find that the law they used all this time was unconstitutional. Do you have any idea how much these nine years have cost me? The money. The time. The vicious, vicious harassment? If there was justice in this country, if there was any sense of fairness in this country, someone would say he was sorry.

When you're a free man, your world changes. Now I have ways to act that have been denied me for nine years. I have my plans too. Don't think I'm not going to tell you what they are. Let my enemies guess. Here I am (laughing) one man against the world. CNN has

done a little story on me. You didn't see it? Don't you watch television? What do you do with your time down there, Bradley? They referred to me as an "alternative historian." Oh, boy. I'll bet about 10,000 Jews went crazy when they heard that.

Yesterday afternoon I had a press conference downstairs in the war room. You remember that room, don't you? I think every newspaper and television station in this part of the country was here yesterday. Fifty of my supporters were here too. Some were old soldiers who were already past middle age when they came to my help nine years ago. Some of them are on crutches now but they were here, just like they've always been here when I've needed them.

We have overturned, nullified, removed from the books a censorship statute bequeathed to this country by England, where it's been on the books since the 13th century. Something to brag about, eh? Now I'm going to insist that every notation of my conviction is removed from every computer in every government office in Canada.

It was sweet revenge having the press here yesterday. I laid it out to those hypocrites who get so misty-eyed about the law and freedom of the individual in this country. I reminded them, and not too gently either, that I'm a truth purveyor and that they have vilified me for nine years and with almost no exceptions did they ever stand up for free speech. They pointed the finger at me for nine years while I fought for the truth and for a free press and now the time has come for them to turn that pointing finger back at themselves. This archaic, totalitarian law created to stifle free speech was overturned in spite of the media. They spent their time drinking cocktails and eating shrimp with the mighty and the powerful so they could keep up with their mortgage payments while one lone man they attacked as a hater did their work for them and for all the people of Canada. Even for the Jews. Jews deserve a free press too.

This touted Anglo-Saxon judicial system failed me from day one. The first prosecutor who looked at the complaint the Jews took to him should have recognized that it was illegal. None of the trip-wires that should have come into play in a decent legal system functioned. The judge for the preliminary hearing should have seen that 181 offended the Charter. Didn't these guys go to law school? It should have stopped right there, but it didn't, because the prosecutors and judges were doing the Jews' work for them.

What did happen, at the very last minute, after nine grueling years of bombings, beatings and vilification, the

very last minute to pull the final emergency break of this judicial system, four judges had the courage to say yes, the law was unconstitutional. People in Canada don't have much to feel proud about and plenty to be ashamed of. A last minute correction imposed on a nine year miscarriage of justice.

I told the press yesterday that it had been clear to me from the beginning, and I'm a simple working man, that 181 was unconstitutional. I told them that I knew why they hadn't fought for a free press in Canada. They were intimidated by the Zionist lobby in Canada. I told them, that's the long and short of it.

One of the first things I'm going to do is go to the American consulate and confront them. They denied me a visa before my appeal was even heard. They denied it because Jewish organizations told them I don't believe in the gas chambers so I'm a dangerous man. The Americans denied me a visa because I'm not a true believer. The Americans, especially, should understand that even men who don't believe the gas chamber hoax are innocent until proven guilty of something.

What can I say? Americans aren't going to understand these things until they begin to understand their own criminal behavior at Nuremberg and the atrocities they committed against the German people and the Japanese and the Indians and the Blacks and everyone else they have ever given their attention to.

God used to be with the Americans but I think He's changed his mind. The good Lord is with me now. He's already sent Andrew to level south Florida and that's just the beginning, believe me. [laughing] He's teaching you Americans what it means to be destroyed from the air. Do you think only the Iraqis should understand that? When I was a child in the Black forrest I remember the old women crying out, God Punish the Americans!

If I can get a U.S. visa I'll be able to visit my brother, who I haven't seen in ten years. He lives in California like you. You didn't know I had a brother? Oh, yes. He think's I'm crazy but I love him.

This victory is very exciting for my oldest son. He's watched the press here in Canada vilify me with their filth for ten years. He's told me it's the press that's taught him the significance of the holocaust baloney.

The last time when I was in Germany I attended a reunion of my grammar school class. There were 96 kids in that class. Can you imagine that? That was when people were high on National Socialism. There was a real baby boom. Children were coming out of our ears. Ninety-six kids in my class and I could only remember the name of one of them. I can tell you, I was embarrassed. They all knew who I am of course because they'd read about me in the papers. It made me think about those Jews who say they can remember everything that happened during World War II. A Jew can identify a German he saw one time fifty years ago at a distance of 500 yards. Remarkable, eh? Out of 96 of my classmates, I could only identify one.

I can still be brought up on hate charges. They had that option at the beginning and decided against it. I don't know what the Jews are going to do now. Rest assured they will compound their errors. If they convince the government to take me to court again, I'll use that opportunity to define what they are. Jews in Canada are blinded by hatred. Spite and hate are very poor advisors. Very poor advisors.

My friends here are the true heroes of what I have accomplished. It would have been impossible without them. They were the thin line between terrorism and censorship on one hand and liberty on the other. It's that simple.

The media must have been surprised by how many young people were here with me during the press conference. Twenty-five clean cut, healthy, well dressed young Canadian men and women. They don't drink and they don't smoke, at least not here in the bunker. You know how young people are. Not one reporter insulted me or asked a hostile question. They know how they've behaved these nine hard years. They sat there with their tails between their legs. And then when it was over my supporters all stood up and gave the victory salute and cried out Sieg Heil. Hail victory. That's what it means. Hail victory.

When I told my lawyer about the saluting he sounded worried. But I'm going to do what I want to do. I'm going to say what I believe is true and I'm going to say it the way I believe it should be said. Nobody ever again is going to tell me what to say or how to say it. Never again!

DR. DEBORAH LIPSTADT & the U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

"In recent months, a lone denier, Bradley Smith, has garnered incredible amounts of attention with a tactically brilliant but devious maneuver: the placing of advertisements in student newspapers arguing there was no Holocaust." Deborah Lipstadt, Holocaust historian and the only female golem still residing in Los Angeles county, gives me the benefit of her attention on the front page of the Museum's official, State-sponsored, slick, tabloid-sized *Newsletter* (May 1992).

Lipstadt writes that when she first began research on "Holocaust denial" people would ask incredulously: "Why are you wasting your time on those kooks?" In the last year her life has changed dramatically. "Now people

urge me to hurry and complete my work...." It nice to know that I have been able to add purpose and a little spice to the life of this unfortunate woman.

Lipstadt follows the prescribed drill for these exercises, using all the variations of the anti-antisemitic gambit. She, as so many others, is caught by my statement in the ad that the "gas chambers" were "life-*saving*" devices or fumigation cubicles, not murder weapons. Then she writes something that interests me: "Trying to deny the existence of the gas chambers is the first step in an attempt to deny the Holocaust altogether."

If I'm not mistaken, we have here a suggestion that the "holocaust" might well be viewed as something "other" than the extermination of Jews in gassing chambers. I've been saying that for ten years and it's gratifying to find Lipstadt coming around now to this reasonable point of view now. Jews don't have to give up the "holocaust" just because they give up the gas-chamber hoax. Those Jews who are inclined toward it can remain fixated on their championship status as the world's most despised victims. Who wants to challenge them for such a title? Most of the rest of us feel drawn in another direction, at least I do, toward a vision of the heroic, a kind of trashy Teutonism.

Lipstadt contends that combatting revisionism is of the utmost importance, and that institutions such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which will open on the Washington D.C. mall in March 1993, is one of the best ways to do it. "The Museum is of particular significance because [revisionism] is not just a threat to Jews and their history, but a threat to all who believe in the ultimate power of truth."

I'm with the golem on this one. I can't wait for the joint to open. Even my video camera is pulsing with excitement. My computer is straining at its cords. Revisionists are going to swarm all over this Holocaust Memorial Museum. There'd better be something real on the walls. There'd better be some proof demonstrating the existence of extermination gas chambers in this gigantic Jewish memorial or we'll turn the exhibition into a marble carnival tent. A Bertolt Brecht cabaret for the 1990s. Maybe Deborah and me'll meet there during opening ceremonies. Maybe we'll do a little jig of recognition.

The Unites States Holocaust Memorial Museum was to be built with private funds. From the beginning that was the only aspect to the project that had any charm to it whatever. The role of the State in financing this monument to Jewish cultural influence in the United States was limited to the donation of the immensely valuable land on the Capitol Mall, and $2 1/2 million in start-up funds. Now I read (*Ganpac Brief*, August 92) that according to the Congressional Budget Office, the Congress has already appropriated $33 million dollars for the Museum above the authorized ceiling.

Congressman Peter J. Kostmayer, (D-PA), who may be Jewish, introduced and saw passed H.R. 2660 titled "A bill to authorize appropriations for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, and for other purposes." What has been authorized? The CBO estimates about $18.3 million for fiscal year 1993, and $15.4 million for each additional year until the year 2000. That is, some $110 million, adjusted for inflation, according to Tom DeLay, (R-TX), who may not be Jewish. Another gift to the American people from our friends in the Holocaust Lobby.

In the past I've worried about how much freedom revisionists will be allowed in this private Museum built with private monies. No need to worry any more. It's open to all of us now. It's a Federal museum built with taxpayer funds. Excellent news!

I wasn't going to bother, what good would it do?, but I was encouraged to respond to the Lipstadt article with a letter to the editor of *The Newsletter*, so I penned a few lines:

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7 July 1992

Letters to the Editor
The Newsletter
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council
2000 L Street, N.W. Suite 588
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For Publication:

In the May issue of *The Newsletter*, Professor Deborah Lipstadt argues that publication of my ad, "The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate," in college newspapers is "not an issue of censorship but one of differentiating between an opinion--however controversial--and obvious falsehoods designed to stimulate prejudice and antisemitism."

While my ad has been printed in student newspapers at a dozen highly regarded universities, no professor has pointed to a single error of fact in it. Why is that? If *The Newsletter* has found such an error of fact, I would be grateful for it being brought to my attention so I can correct the record. If there are, in fact, no errors of fact in the ad and it is denied publication for political reasons, then there certainly is a "free speech" issue involved.

Professor Lipstadt misrepresents my views by

suggesting that I accuse "Zionist establishment groups"--alone--of suppressing open debate on the Holocaust. I make it perfectly clear in the ad that academicians and intellectuals of every stripe, without much regard to ethnicity (or politics), have devoted themselves to such activities.

Professor Lipstadt misrepresents my comments about the "delousing" chambers at Auschwitz. It's quite clear in the ad that I do not consider those small, professionally designed gassing ("delousing") chambers that were scattered all over Auschwitz-Birkenau to be the same five buildings which it is claimed had large improvised rooms for mass executions.

Professor Lipstadt writes of the "ultimate power of truth." If she believes that there is some better way to get at it than through free inquiry and open debate, particularly on university campuses, then I'm all ears.

(signed) Bradley R. Smith

Along with the letter for publication I sent a cover letter suggesting that since *The Newsletter* is published with public monies for a Council funded with public monies that I should have the right to reply to a direct attack on my honesty and character. Today I received a reply from the Executive Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council

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28 August, 1992

Mr. Bradley R. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Concerning your July 7th letter to the editor, the legal counsel of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council (USHMC) advises us, from a careful review of pertinent Federal acts and statutes as well as of applicable court decisions, that USHMC has the same liberty as do newspapers in exercising control and discretion over the content of *The Newsletter*. We therefore choose not to publish your letter.

As you may not be aware, USHMC was established in 1980 by a unanimous Act of Congress and was mandated to create a living memorial to the millions of victims of Nazi fanaticism who perished in the Holocaust. The Council and its programs were established on the power of an ideal -- because the Carter, Reagan, and Bush Administrations believed that all Americans could learn from the Holocaust's lessons of personal responsibility and choice in sustaining democratic values.

You may be aware that General Dwight D. Eisenhower, while Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, decided to visit Ohrdruf, a forced labor camp in Germany, to witness the extent of Nazi atrocities. On April 12, 1945, Eisenhower wrote to Chief of Staff George Marshall "...I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.'..."

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish further information.

Sincerely, (signed)
Sara Bloomfield
Executive Director

I don't feel I should bother, but maybe I'll write asking Ms. Bloomfield why she believes Dwight Eisenhower decided to not mention the "gas chambers" in his memoir, *Crusade in Europe*? Maybe she knows why he decided that discretion might be the better part of honesty?

OHIO READER EYEBALLS CODOH AD

I've read your article in the Ohio State *Lantern* and I think it is a national disgrace. My father was an officer in World War II and he told us of the many atrocities committed against Jews. Did your know that SS soldiers used to drink the blood of Jews before they did battle? That Jewish prisoners had their eyeballs plucked out and these were used as currency for SS troops? My father talked to an SS officer who told him that he once bought a winter coat for 23 eyeballs. My father asked him to produce these eyeballs but the SS officer said he had eaten them! In light of these irrefutable facts I think you should apologize to the Jewish people before they wash your mouth out with soap.

And may God punish you by making you work for a living.

-- J. Greenberg

THE AGENDA

What we're working hardest on right now is the video project. David Cole and I have been around the block on this one for close to two years and now it's coming together. It offers very exciting prospects. We expect to be up and running with it by the end of October. This may prove to be even more effective than what we did last year with the Campus Project.

Thanks for your support, your ideas. I almost never answer correspondence, but I always read it, and oftentimes it influences what I do, sometimes long after I have received it.

So thanks again, and good luck to us.

Bradley R Smith

SMITH'S REPORT

Smith's Report informs you about what I am doing personally, along with friends and supporters, to promote open debate on the Holocaust story. It does not attempt to monitor the revisionist movement.

Smith's Report is published six times a year and is sent free to those of you who help with contributions, relevant press clippings or in other ways. It isn't possible for me to do this work effectively without your help.

I welcome correspondence but can not reply to it unless it urgently addresses business to hand. If you do not want your name mentioned herein please say so in writing.

Your generosity is the cornerstone of whatever success I will have in helping to open up the holocaust story to free inquiry and open debate.

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